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THE REFERENDUM.

THE returns of the voting by the Divisions are being tabulated, and the figures will be ready for publication in the next issue of the SUPPLEMENT.

EDMUND OWEN,

March 12th. *Chairman of Council*

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the JOURNAL.*]*

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

ASHTON UNDER-LYNE DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the George and Dragon, Ashton-under-Lyne, on March 5th.

Notification of Births.—The following resolution was passed unanimously:

> That the Division uphold the Stalybridge members in their resolution to refuse to act as informants under the Notification of Births Act to the Stalybridge Corporation.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The following esolution was passed unanimously:

> That the Division agrees with the suggestions of the Medico-Political Committee contained in their supplementary report *re* medical inspection of school children.

Medical Practitioners and Midwives.—The following resolution was passed unanimously:

> That the Secretary write to the Board of Guardians drawing their attention to a circular letter from the Local Government Board recommending the payment of medical men called in to assist the midwife in urgent cases where the mother is too poor to pay for such services, and asking the Board to adopt this suggestion.

BLACKBURN DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, on Friday, March 6th, Dr. AITKEN (President) in the chair. The following were present: Drs. Henry, Lees, Prebble, Jones, Payne, Scott-Heyliger, Stephenson, Barker, Bannister, Cunliffe, Rigby, Moir, Taylor, Macklin, Armistead, Townley, John Patchett, and Greenwood.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—Dr. CUNLIFFE opened a discussion on the medical inspection of school children in an interesting and instructive manner. The following members took part in the discussion: Drs. Henry, Scott-Heyliger, Barker, Macklin, Moir, Bannister, and Greenwood. Finally the following resolutions were proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:

1. That in all large towns of 100,000 population and upwards the supervision of the work of medical inspection of school children should be under the medical officer of health, and that he should be provided with one or more full-time medical assistants.
2. That in boroughs of less than 100,000 population, which are declared by section of the Education Act, 1902, to be Local Education Authorities for the purposes of Part 3 of that Act, the supervision of the work of medical inspection of school children should be under the medical officer of health, and wherever possible he should be a whole-time official—that is, not engaged in general practice.
3. That the county medical officer of health should be the supervising medical officer for the medical inspection of school children, and that he should be provided with full-time assistance wherever possible.
4. That in the case of rural and urban district authorities the duties of the education officer should be dealt with by whole-time medical men whenever possible, and whenever not possible, owing to certain local circumstances, that he may be a part-time officer.

During the discussion all the speakers dwelt very strongly upon the undesirability of anything in the way of treatment of disease being undertaken by the local education authorities. Attention was also drawn to the fact that no provision had been made in the recent schedule issued by the Board of Education for stating whether or not any child had been vaccinated. It was, however, pointed out that this could easily be added.

Vote of Thanks.—A cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, to Dr. Cunliffe for the trouble he had taken in bringing this matter forward.

LIVERPOOL AND BIRKENHEAD COMBINED DIVISIONS.

A MEETING was held on February 28th at 4.30 p.m. at the Liverpool Medical Institution. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman (Sir James Barr), the late VICE-CHAIRMAN (Mr. F. C. Larkin) was voted into the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Visitor.—Dr. Weaver, Medical Officer of Health for Stockport, was present as a visitor.

Notification of Births Act.—A letter was read from the Liverpool Town Clerk, dated January 11th, asking what would be considered to be a reasonable remuneration for notification of a birth under the Act; and a similar letter was read from the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Hope),

dated January 17th. The Secretary's reply was also read. A letter from the Town Clerk, dated February 6th, was read, stating that the Secretary's letter had been submitted to the Health Committee, but that the Committee did not pass any resolution thereon. A discussion followed, and Dr. PARKINSON proposed and Dr. E. T. DAVIES seconded that the local members of the Association refuse to notify births without remuneration. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that if it was proposed to strike, a *plébiscite* of the members should first be taken. Dr. PARKINSON and Dr. DAVIES accepted this as follows:

That a postal vote be taken of all members of the British Medical Association belonging to the Birkenhead and Liverpool Divisions as to whether they will agree to refuse to notify births without remuneration.

Whereupon an amendment was moved by Dr. DONNELLY, seconded by Dr. GIVEN:

That a small deputation wait upon the Medical Officer of Health and the Town Clerk to ascertain the attitude of the City Council on the question of remuneration of medical men for services rendered under the Act.

The amendment was lost. Whereupon Dr. GULLAN proposed and Dr. A. E DAVIS seconded an amendment in the same words, substituting the Health Committee for the Medical Officer of Health and the Town Clerk. The amendment was carried *nem. con*, and was then proposed as a substantive motion and carried *nem. con.*:

That a small deputation wait upon the Health Committee to ascertain the attitude of the City Council on the question of remuneration of medical men for services under the Notification of Births Act.

A discussion followed on the personnel of the deputation, and, on the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to leave the selection to the officers.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The SECRETARY read a letter from the Chairman of the Lancashire Elementary Education Subcommittee, dated January 4th, 1908, and the reply to it. The Schedule of Medical Inspection issued by the Board of Education was considered, and it was unanimously decided that the examination necessary to properly carry out such inspection would take at least fifteen to twenty minutes on an average for each child. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Lancashire Elementary Education Subcommittee (Mr. J. J. Cockshott) to that effect, correcting the estimate in his previous reply, which had been made before the schedule was published. In connexion with this, the matters referred to Divisions in the SUPPLEMENT of February 8th, p. 52, were then considered, and the second, third, and fourth suggestions of the Medico-Political Committee were approved. The first resolution was modified as follows, namely:

That in place of the words "and distinct from" the following be substituted, namely, "under supervision of," so that the Suggestion 1 reads:
"That in all large towns of 100,000 population and upwards there should be a supervisory medical officer who should be a whole-time education officer *under the supervision of* the medical officer of health of the town."

The third item of the agenda—medical fees at inquests—was postponed on account of the lateness of the hour, but it was unanimously agreed to send a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Brighouse (County Coroner) for his action in the matter. Mr. LARKIN stated that the matter was also under the consideration of the Branch Council.

STOCKPORT DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on February 27th.

Notification of Births Act.—On consideration of the Notification of Births Act, it was resolved (15 present, 63 absent):

That this Division approves of the Act, and suggests the settlement of the difficulties encountered by the adoption of Dr Brennan's scheme, as reported in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, January 11th, 1908, p. 115, as has been done in Stockport.

Carried unanimously.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—On consideration of the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee on the medical inspection of school children, it was resolved (14 present, 64 absent):

That the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee be approved.

Carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

KENSINGTON DIVISION.

A MEETING was held at the Kensington Town Hall on Thursday, February 6th, at 5 p.m. Twenty-eight members were present.

Election of Chairman.—Dr. A. J. Rice Oxley was elected Chairman in place of Sir John Tyler, resigned.

Paper.—A paper was read by Mr. G. L. EASTES on Certain Infections of the Urinary Tract, with special reference to Tubercle, Gonococcus, and *Bacillus coli communis.*

Vote of Thanks.—Dr. CULVER JAMES proposed, and Miss AGATHA PORTER seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Eastes for his paper.

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The Committee appointed to organize the Pathological Museum in connexion with the Annual Meeting in Sheffield, 1908, propose to arrange the material under the following heads:

I. Exhibits bearing on discussions and papers in the various Sections.
II. Specimens and illustrations relating to any recent research work.
III. Instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation.
IV. Individual specimens of special interest, or a series illustrating some special subject.

It is also proposed to make a special effort to gather together a series of exhibits relating to:

(*a*) Diseases of the spleen.
(*b*) Diseases of the heart and vessels.
(*c*) Diseases due to dust, tuberculosis, actinomycosis, syphilis and allied causes.
(*d*) The urinary system.
(*e*) Diseases of the breast.
(*f*) *X* rays and photography.

The Committee wish it to be understood that the above are only suggestions, and if there is any subject in which you are specially interested, and can supply interesting specimens, we shall be glad to hear from you.

The Museum will occupy a central position, and will be easy of access.

The Committee desire to enlist your hearty co-operation, and we shall be glad to hear from you if you are able to make an exhibit. Every care will be taken of specimens, and the contents of the Museum will be insured.

It is hoped that it will be possible for arrangements to be made whereby exhibitors may have an opportunity of demonstrating their specimens.

Yours faithfully,
A. E BARNES,
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342, Glossop Road, Sheffield, January, 1908.

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OWING to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—There will be a meeting of the Division at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday afternoon, March 27th, when Sir James Barr will deliver an address entitled Some Observations on Bronchitis and Emphysema.—NORMAN MACLAREN, Honorary Secretary, 23, Portland Square, Carlisle.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTHERN DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Forrest Road (Room 6), on Friday, March 20th, at 8 15 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Matters referred to Divisions: (*a*) Medical Inspection of School Children (see SUPPLEMENT, February 8th); (*b*) Definition of the term "Hospital" (see SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd); (*c*) Medical Examination for Life Insurance (see SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd); (*d*) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1906 (see SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd). (3) Hospitals Conference Report—Infirmary Managers' reply. (4) Motions by Dr. A. Walker regarding Charter, etc. (5) Motion by Dr. Cullen regarding "Deaths Registration." (6) Report on Black List Scheme. (7) Any other competent business.—MICHAEL DEWAR, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at the University of Liverpool on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th. Business: Scientific and clinical communications.—F. CHARLES LARKIN, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—A special meeting of this Division will be held at Altrincham on Wednesday, March 18th, at 5 p.m.—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LEIGH DIVISION.—A meeting of the members of the above Division will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at 8 30 p.m., at Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street. Agenda: Consideration of insurance policies.—J. SACKVILLE MARTIN, M.D., Honorary Secretary of the Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH DIVISION.—The next general meeting of the Lambeth Division will be held on Thursday, March 26th, in the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., at 4 p.m. C. H. Fagge, Esq., M.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. will read a paper upon The Pathology and Treatment of Hernia in Children. Cases will be exhibited. There will also be important business to transact in connexion with matters referred to the Divisions by the Branch Council. — HERBERT FRENCH, Honorary Secretary, Lambeth Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held on Wednesday, April 8th, at 8 30, at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, when Mr. W. T. Lister, B.A., F.R.C.S., will present a communication on Glaucoma and Iritis, with lantern illustrations and cases. On Wednesday, May 13th, the annual meeting and dinner will be held at 6.30 at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. In order to add to the interest and clinical character of these meetings, members are asked to show cases or report on them at any of the meetings with or without notice.—CHARLES BLAIR, F.R.C.S., Matson Lodge, Richmond; A. E. EVANS, D.P.H., Eastcroft, Kingston Hill, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, March 26th, at the Headquarters, 4th V.B. East Surrey Regiment, 27, St. Johns Hill, S.W. Dr. Campbell Thomson will give a lecture on Some Cases of Nervous Diseases, illustrated by the cinematograph.—C. J. MARTIN, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Division will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly (First Floor) at 5 p.m., the President, Dr. Knowsley Sibley, in the chair. Agenda:—(1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Letters. (3) Annual report. (4) The question of the medical inspection of school children. (5) The medical situation created by the Workmen's Compensation Act and its relation to hospital abuse. The fees which should be asked by medical men acting as referees for insurance companies. (6) The question of the Hampstead Hospital and the local Branch of the Association in reference to the warning notices which have appeared in the JOURNAL. (7) Reference from the Medico-Political Committee *re* fees for the medical examination for life insurance, a report on which appeared in the SUPPLEMENT to the JOURNAL

of February 22nd. (8) Reference from Representative Meeting *re* definition of the term "hospital." (9) Such other business as may arise.—HARVEY HILLIARD, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, on Wednesday, March 25th, at 3 p m. Dr. R. M. Boodle will preside. A lecture will be given with lantern demonstrations by Wm. McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S., on The Treatment of Inguinal Hernia by Trusses. All medical men are invited to attend.—T. BARRETT HEGGS, Honorary Secretary, Sittingbourne.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Friday, March 27th, at 4 30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Dr. A B. Hudson (Cobham) will move the following resolution: "That this Division having adopted Ethical Rules as drafted by the Medical Secretary, agrees to fix the minimum rate for contract practice (clubs, etc.) in the Division at 4s. per head per annum for either sex, such rate to refer to junior as well as senior members of clubs" (3) Matters referred to Divisions (see SUPPLEMANT, February 22nd). (*a*) Report as to proposed definition of the word "hospital" (*b*) Report on Life Insurance Examination. (*c*) Report on Prevention of Corruption Act. (4) Mr. G. B Mower White will read a paper on Some Points in the Surgery of Mammary Cancer, to be followed by a discussion. (5) Cases will be shown by members of the hospital staff if time permits. Tea will be provided at 4.15 p.m.; dinner at 6.30 p.m, Lion Hotel. Charge, 6s. (exclusive of wine). Members wishing to show cases or specimens are invited to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, E. J. SMYTH, "Maythorne," Epsom Road, Guildford.

SOUTH-MIDLAND BRANCH: BEDFORD AND HERTS DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at the Hospital, Hitchin, on Thursday, March 26th, at 3 p.m. Members willing to read papers, show cases, or exhibit specimens are requested to communicate with me as soon as possible.—E. H. COBB, "Belmont," Stevenage, Honorary Secretary.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The spring meeting of the Branch will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, on Friday, March 27th, at 3 30 p.m., when Dr. G. W. Harvey Bird will preside. The Council is anxious to make this, as far as possible, a clinical meeting, and members wishing to bring forward any cases or show specimens are asked to communicate with the Honorary Secretary. Tea will be provided after the meeting.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the General Infirmary, Leeds, on Wednesday, March 18th, at 4 15 p m. Members intending to read papers, show specimens or cases, or propose new members, are requested to communicate at once with Dr. ADOLPH BRONNER, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, Honorary Secretary.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

GRANTS.

THE Council of the British Medical Association desires to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences that it is prepared to receive applications for grants in aid of such research.

Applications for sums to be granted should reach this office not later than May 15th, and must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed.

Every recipient is required to furnish to the Science Committee, on or before May 15th following upon the allotment of the grant, a report (or, if the object of the grant be not then attained, an interim report to be renewed at the same date in each subsequent year until a final report can be furnished) containing:

(*a*) A brief statement for the report of the Science Committee, showing the results arrived at, or the stage which the inquiry has reached.

(*b*) A general statement of the expenditure incurred, accompanied, so far as is possible, with vouchers.

(*c*) And references to any Transactions, Journals, or other publications in which the results of the research have been printed.

The work of the Grantees shall be subject to inspection.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for three Research Scholarships, each of the value of £150 per annum, tenable for one year, and subject to renewal by the Council provided the whole term of office shall not exceed three years.

The Scholarships exist for the encouragement of research in Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Bacteriology, State Medicine, Clinical Medicine, and Clinical Surgery.

The Scholars' work shall be subject to inspection.

ERNEST HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for the Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship, of the value of £200 per annum, tenable for one year but subject to renewal by the Council provided the whole term of office shall not exceed three years. The Scholarship is for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.

Applications for Scholarships and Grants should, as a rule, be accompanied by a recommendation from the head of the laboratory in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct such work, and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

Forms of application for Scholarships and Grants can be had on application to the General Secretary.

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

6, Catherine Street, Strand,
February, 1908.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: HERBERT STONE, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Excellent*, lent, temporary, March 2nd; JOHN C. FERGUSON, M B., Fleet Surgeon, and RICHARD R. HORLEY, Surgeon, to the *Duke of Edinburgh*, on recommissioning, March 10th; LIONEL C. E. MURPHY, Surgeon, to the *Vernon*, additional, for the *Furious*, March 10th; LANCELOT KILROY, Staff Surgeon, to the *Sappho*, on recommissioning, undated; EDWARD O B. CARBERY, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Brilliant*, on recommissioning, undated; ALEXANDER B. MARSH, Surgeon, lent to the *Hebe*, temporary, March 6th; ALEXANDER C. KENWICK, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, additional, to be lent to the *Jason*, temporary, March 7th; HARRY M. LANGDALE, Surgeon, to the *Spanker*, temporary, March 6th (appointment to the *Shannon* cancelled); WALTER H. O. GARDE, Staff Surgeon, to the *Victory*, additional, to be lent to Haslar Hospital, March 7th; HAROLD G. T. MAJOR, Surgeon, to the *Donegal*, March 5th; GEOFFREY PRICE, Surgeon, to the *Vivid*, additional, lent to the *Circe*, temporary, March 6th; THOMAS A. SMYTH, Surgeon, to the *Research*, March 23rd; AUGUST J. WERNET, Surgeon, to the *Canopus*, March 23rd; WALTER G. EDWARDS, M B., Surgeon, to Plymouth Hospital, March 23rd.

B. FOLEY, civil practitioner, has been appointed Surgeon and Agent at Bonmahon, March 3rd.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. E. R. JAMES retires on retired pay, March 7th. He was appointed Surgeon, February 4th, 1882; Surgeon-Major, February 4th, 1894; and Lieutenant-Colonel, February 4th, 1902. He was attached to the Chinese Army during the war between China and Japan in 1894-6.

Major E. C. FREEMAN, M.D., late R A.M.C., has been appointed Staff Officer to the Principal Medical Officer, East Anglian Division, Territorial Force.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following officers are appointed to the Bacteriological Department of the Home Department of the Government of India: Lieutenant-Colonel D. SEMPLE, M D., R A M.C. (retired), Director of Central Research Institute, Kasauli; Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. BANNERMAN, M.D., Madras, Director, Bombay Bacteriological Laboratory; Major G. LAMB, M B., Bengal Director, Pasteur Institute, Kasauli; Major J. W. CORNWALL, M D., Madras, Director, Southern India Pasteur Institute, Coonoor; Major S. P. JAMES, M D., Madras, Statistical Officer to the Government of India in the Sanitary and Medical Departments; Captain W. G. LISTON, M.B; Captain E. D. W. GREIG, M.B., Bengal; Captain W. F. HARVEY, M B.; Captain S. R. CHRISTOPHERS, M.B., Director of King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Madras.

IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

AMBROSE H. PALMER (late Surgeon Lieutenant, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Prince of Wales's North Staffordshire Regiment) to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the Staffordshire (Queen's Own Royal) Regiment, February 1st.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS)

SURGEON CAPTAIN P. J. S. BIRD, M.D., 1st West Riding of Yorkshire Regiment, resigns his commission, January 28th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant C. W. OWEN, 1st Carnarvonshire, resigns his commission, February 17th. He is appointed Second Lieutenant in the same corps from the same date.

Surgeon-Captain W. T. BLACKLEDGE, M.B., 6th Lancashire, resigns his commission, February 18th. He is appointed Captain in the same corps from the same date.

ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-CAPTAIN E. C. ROBERTS, 1st London, resigns his commission, February 20th.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. HEPBURN, M.D., 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Welsh Regiment, is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Colonel, February 12th.

Surgeon-Captain C. GRAHAM GRANT, 24th Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Corps, to be Surgeon-Major, January 31st.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AND HONORARY COLONEL V. MATTHEWS, London Companies, resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, February 17th.

Major J. HARPER, M.D., London Companies, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and is appointed to command the Companies under the conditions of paragraph 47 of the Volunteer Regulations, February 17th.

Captain J. R. WHAIT, M.B., London Companies, to be Major, February 17th.

Lieutenant J. O'SULLIVAN, from the Manchester Companies, to be Lieutenant in the South Wales Border Bearer Company, December 19th, 1907.

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

AT the examination held in London on January 21st for promotion to the rank of surgeon-major, 21 candidates from the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction presented themselves for examination, of whom 17 passed, of whom 8 obtained special mention as follows (London District Orders, No. 41, 1908):

Surgeon-Captain H. Stedman, M.D., 1st City of London R.G.A. (Vols.).
" " J. Wreford, 1st Northumberland R.G.A. (Vols.) Special mention.
" " A. C. Hartley, M.D., 1st Bedford R.E. (Vols.).
" " E. Gray, 2nd Cheshire R.E. (Vols.).
" " J. A. Masters, M.D., M.R.C.P., London Division Electrical Engineers (Vols.). Special mention.
" " J. J. O'Hagan, M.B., F.R.C.S.I., 5th V.B. the King's (Liverpool Regiment). Special mention.
" " E. P. A. Mariette, M.B., 2nd V.B. Devonshire Regiment. Special mention.
" " C. J. Martin, M.B., 4th V.B. East Surrey Regiment.
" " T. M. Morton, 4th V.B. East Surrey Regiment.
" " F. J. Warwick, M.B., 3rd V.B. Essex Regiment. Special mention.
" " L. T. F. Bryant, M.D., 3rd V.B. Royal West Kent Regiment. Special mention.
" " F. R. Miller, 4th Middlesex V.R.C.
" " C. S. de Segundo, M.B., 20th Middlesex V.R.C.
" " W. A. Malcolm, M.B., 21st Middlesex V.R.C.
" " C. Graham Grant, 24th Middlesex V.R.C.
" " H. K. Ramsden, 2nd London V.R.C. Special mention.
" " W. G. Macfee, 4th London Volunteer Infantry Border Bearer Company. Special mention.

The subjects of the examination were organization and discipline.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,820 births and 5,494 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, March 7th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.6, 18.4 and 17.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 17.6 per 1,000 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 7.9 in Leyton, 8.0 in East Ham, 8.4 in Barrow-in-Furness, 9.5 in Walthamstow, and 9.6 in Willesden, to 22.4 in Reading, 23.5 in Great Yarmouth, 24.3 in Rhondda, 26.1 in Hanley and in Swansea, and 28.4 in Stockton-on-Tees. In London the rate of mortality was 17.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 17.8 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.2 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the death-rates from the principal infectious diseases ranged upwards to 3.0 in Croydon, in West Bromwich, and in York, 3.1 in Rhondda, 3.7 in Salford, 3.8 in Reading, and 5.9 in Stockton-on-Tees. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.3 in Reading, 1.4 in Ipswich, in Halifax, and in Merthyr Tydfil, 1.6 in Rhondda, 1.8 in York, 2.3 in Croydon, and 3.9 in Stockton-on-Tees; diphtheria of 1.2 in York and 1.5 in West Bromwich and in Salford; whooping-cough of 1.1 in Birmingham, 1.2 in Sheffield and in Gateshead, 1.3 in Reading and in Plymouth, 1.4 in Bolton, in Newport (Mon.), and in Merthyr Tydfil, 1.5 in Handsworth (Staffs), and in Smethwick, 1.5 in Walsall, 2.0 in Sunderland, and 2.2 in Northampton; and diarrhoea of 2.0 in Great Yarmouth and in Stockton-on-Tees. The mortality from scarlet fever and from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever cases remaining under treatment at the end of last week in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital was 3,567, against 3,806, 3,733, and 3,674 at the end of the three preceding weeks; 345 new cases were admitted during the week, against 473, 420, and 383 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, March 7th, 926 births and 681 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 21.4, 21.8, and 19.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again last week to 19.3 per 1,000, and was 1.7 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 15.9 in Edinburgh and 16.7 in Greenock to 20.7 in Perth and 22.0 in Dundee. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.7 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Paisley and Leith. The 340 deaths registered in Glasgow included 31 which were referred to measles, 3 to scarlet fever, 3 to diphtheria, 9 to whooping-cough, 5 to cerebro-spinal meningitis, and 2 to diarrhoea. Five fatal cases of measles, 2 of scarlet fever, and 2 of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh; 3 of whooping-cough and 3 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 5 of measles and 2 of scarlet fever in Aberdeen; 3 of measles in Paisley; 3 of whooping-cough in Leith; and 2 of measles in Greenock.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, February 29th, 544 births and 405 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns as against 489 births and 490 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 23.1, 20.3, and 23.5 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 22.4 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 5.1 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 17.0 in Londonderry and 21.0 in Dublin to 24.7 in Cork and 27.3 in Waterford. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.5 per 1,000 or 0.6 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure—2.9—being recorded in Belfast, while Limerick registered no deaths under this heading at all. The principle zymotic causes of death were measles and whooping-cough.

During the week ending Saturday, March 7th, 570 births and 509 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 544 births and 405 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 20.3, 23.5, and 22.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 29.8 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 12.2 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 24.1 in Dublin and 29.2 in Waterford to 31.5 in Cork and 35.5 in Limerick. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 2.7 per 1,000, or 1.2 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure—9.6—being recorded in Limerick, while Londonderry registered no deaths under this heading at all. Measles and whooping-cough were still the leading zymotic causes of death.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BANGOR: CARNARVONSHIRE AND ANGLESEY INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, increasing to £100.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Assistant House Surgeon. (3) Resident Medical and Surgical Officer at the Jaffray Branch. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum for (1), £40 for (2), and £150 for (3).

BOURNEMOUTH: ROYAL NATIONAL SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £10 per month.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physician; (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum each.

BRECKNOCK COUNTY AND BOROUGH INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL.—County Medical Officer of Health. Fee, 50 guineas per annum for specified duties and fees at rate of 5 guineas a day for other duties.

BUCKS COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

CANTERBURY BOROUGH ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary to commence, £140 per annum.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Honorarium, £30 for six months.

CARLISLE, CITY OF.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, N.E.—(1) House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £50 per annum. (2) Physician to Out-patients.

DUNFERMLINE: CARNEGIE DUNFERMLINE TRUSTEES.—Assistant Medical Officer (female). Salary, £200 per annum.

FINCHLEY URBAN DISTRICT.—Medical Officer of Health and Medical Superintendent of the Council's Hospital. Salary, £300 per annum, increasing to £400.

HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

LEAMINGTON: WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £100 per annum.

LISCARD: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Anaesthetist.

LOWESTOFT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

MANCHESTER: CHORLTON-UPON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY.—Honorary Medical Officer.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.—Demonstrator in Physiology. Stipend, £150, rising to £200 per annum.

MERTHYR TYDFIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Medical Inspector. Salary, £200 per annum, increasing to £300.

MIDDLESBROUGH: NORTH RIDING INFIRMARY.—House Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MOUNTAIN ASH URBAN DISTRICT.—School Medical Inspector. Salary, £250 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, increasing to £275.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, PADDINGTON.—Medical Officer in Charge of X-Ray Department. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum each.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £90 per annum.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £82 per annum.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant to the Medical Inspector of School Children. Salary, £200 per annum.

TAUNTON: TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

TORQUAY: TORBAY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Clinical Assistants.

WESTMINSTER GENERAL DISPENSARY, Gerrard Street, Soho, W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant Bacteriologist. Salary, £160 per annum.

WORCESTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Inspector of School Children and Midwives. Salary, £ 00 per annum.

WORTHING BOROUGH AND RURAL DISTRICT OF EAST PRESTON.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies at Hoxne, co. Suffolk; Castletown, co. Caithness; Drumcollogher, co. Limerick; Kingscliffe, co. Northampton; Ederney, co. Fermanagh; Carrickmacross, co. Monaghan; Killane, co. Wexford; Haddenham, co. Cambridge; and Week St. Mary, co. Cornwall.

APPOINTMENTS.

BEALE, Peyton T. B., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the City Dispensary, E.C.

BUTCHER, W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.Vict., Medical Officer of Health, Westhoughton Urban District.

DILLON, M., L.R.C.S.I., L.A.H.Dub., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Rathmore District, co. Kerry.

EAGER, Richard, M.B.Aber., Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Asylum, Exminster.

EDINGTON, D. C., M.D.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Penrith District, co. Cumberland.

HALL, George, M.D.Lond., B.Sc.Dunelm., M.R.C.P.Lond., Honorary Assistant Physician, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HARMAN, G. R., L.M.L.S.Dub., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the St. German's District, co. Cornwall.

HINE, T. G. Macaulay, M.D., B.C.Cantab., Honorary Physician to the St. Pancras and Northern Dispensary.

HUDSON, Bernard, M.D., M.R.C.P., Assistant Physician to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C.

JAQUES, Robert, F.R.C.S., Honorary Surgeon to the Plymouth Royal Eye Infirmary.

JEWESBURY, Reginald C., M.A., M.B.Oxon., M.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician to Charing Cross Hospital.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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DEATHS.

BICKERSTETH.—On the 7th March, at 2, Rodney Street, Liverpool, Edward Robert Bickersteth, F.R.C.S., in his 80th year.

COOKSON.—On March 1st, at Avenham Cottage, Preston, John Fowler Cookson, M.D.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., and L.S.A.Lond., aged 81 years.

DOWSON.—On March 9th, at the residence of her son, Dry Street Farm, Langdon Hills, Essex, Elizabeth Martha, widow of the late Edward Dowson, M.D., of 117, Park Street, Grosvenor Square, aged 75. Funeral at Mickleham on Thursday at 3.30 p.m.

MONCKTON. At Ladysmith, Natal, on the 11th of February, of pneumonia, Frank Parr Monckton, Surgeon, the beloved son of William Monckton, Portishead, Somerset.

WALLACE.—On February 27th, at Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Andrew Wallace, M.D., in his 75th year.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Arris and Gale Lecture by Dr. F. A. Bainbridge: The Pathology of Acid Intoxication.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

PATHOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Discussion on the Relations of Endothelioma to other forms of New Growths, to be opened by Dr. W. S. Lazarus-Barlow.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—First Goulstonian Lecture by Dr. Herbert French: The Influence of Pregnancy on certain Medical Diseases, and the Influence of certain Medical Diseases on Pregnancy.

WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. M. Greenwood, jun.: The Physiological and Pathological Effects which follow Exposure to Compressed Air.

THURSDAY.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

DERMATOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, 5 p.m.—Exhibition of Cases.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. M. Greenwood, jun. The Physiological and Pathological Effects which follow Exposure to Compressed Air.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF DISEASE IN CHILDREN, 11, Chandos Street, W., 5 p.m.—Exhibition of Cases by Drs. F. Langmead, Parkes Weber, C. Chapman, G. Carpenter, Porter Parkinson, Mr. Sydney Stephenson, and others.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Demonstrations, 2.30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Clinical Lecture, Friday, 3.30 p.m.: Cardio-pulmonary Murmurs, their Diagnosis and Significance.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Demonstration of X-Ray Examination of Cases of Diseases of the Chest.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Blackfriars, S.E.—Tuesday, 4 p.m., Leprosy, Rhinoscleroma, Mycosis Fungoides; Friday, 4 p.m., Blastomycosis, Actinomycosis, Glanders.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Rheumatism in Children under 5 years.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2.30 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m. Monday, and noon Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday, and noon Friday; Eye, 11 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m. Thursday. Special Lecture:—Thursday, 2.15 p.m., Chorea.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Monday, Bilharziasis; Tuesday, Experiences and Observations in the Surgery of Some Non-malignant Affections of the Stomach; Wednesday, Post-Basal Meningitis; Thursday, Precocious Development.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Torticollis and the Tics; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Acute Infection of Brain and Membranes.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the Clinics, Demonstrations, etc., for next week: Monday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Throat, Nose, and Ear, X Ray; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m., Medical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Surgical Out-patient, Gynaecological. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient, X Ray; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Lecture-Demonstration: Congenital Dislocation of the Hip-joint. Friday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m. Surgical Operations, Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily, 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics; X Rays; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Monday and Thursday, and Wednesday and Saturday, 2 p.m., Diseases of the Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m., Gynaecological Operations; 2 p.m. (also Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.), Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear; Tuesday and Friday, 2.30 p.m., Diseases of the Skin. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of Children; 2.30 p.m., Diseases of Women. Lectures: At 12 noon, Monday, Pathological Demonstration; Tuesday and Thursday, Practical Medicine; at 5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Diseases of Tonsils (illustrated by lantern slides); Wednesday, Practical Medicine; Thursday, Practical Surgery; Friday, Arterio-sclerosis.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MARCH.	
15 Sunday ...	
16 MONDAY ...	
17 TUESDAY ...	
18 WEDNESDAY	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Special Meeting, Altrincham, 5 p.m. CARDIFF DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Cardiff. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH Scientific and Clinical Meeting, University of Liverpool. YORKSHIRE BRANCH, General Infirmary, Leeds, 4.15 p.m.
19 THURSDAY...	LEIGH DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*. Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street, 8.30 p m. WESTMINSTER DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, St. James's Vestry Hall (first floor), Piccadilly. 5 p.m.
20 FRIDAY ...	SOUTHERN DIVISION, *Edinburgh Branch*, Oddfellows' Hall (Room 6), Forrest Road, 8.15 p.m.
21 SATURDAY...	
22 Sunday ...	
23 MONDAY ...	
24 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Standing Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m
25 WEDNESDAY	BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bristol. CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Town Hall, Sittingbourne, 3 p.m.
26 THURSDAY...	BEDFORD AND HERTS DIVISION, *South Midland Branch*, Hospital, Hitchin, 3 p.m. LAMBETH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., 4 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, 27, St. John's Hill, S.W., 8.45 p.m.
MARCH *(Continued).*	
27 FRIDAY ..	ENGLISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, County Hotel, Carlisle. GUILDFORD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4.30 p.m ; Tea, 4.15 p.m. ; Dinner, Lion Hotel, 6 30 p.m.
28 SATURDAY ..	
29 Sunday ...	
30 MONDAY ...	
31 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3.15 p.m.
APRIL.	
1 WEDNESDAY	UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE, Botanical Theatre, University College, London W.C., 2 p.m. UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE DINNER, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, W.C., 7.45 p.m.
2 THURSDAY...	UNITED KINGDOM HOSPITALS CONFERENCE, Botanical Theatre, University College, London, W.C. ; Morning Session. 10.30 ; Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.
3 FRIDAY ...	
4 SATURDAY ...	
5 Sunday ...	
6 MONDAY ...	LONDON: Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.
7 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee, 11 a.m.
8 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Meeting of Branch Council, Manchester Royal Infirmary. 4.30 p.m. RICHMOND DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Royal Hospital, Richmond, 8.30 p.m.

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